AMERICAN · SAUCE

Zesty Italian Dressing with Parmesan

5 min · Makes 8 × 2 tbsp · 132 kcal a portion · Video 5:01 · Sugar Spun Run

Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Almost all of the fat is from extra-virgin olive oil, mostly monounsaturated, and a 2-tbsp portion has about 1 g of sugar and under 2 g of net carbs, so it suits low-carb and keto eating.

Diet notes: Keto (1.3 g net carbs a serve); Vegetarian with a vegetarian hard cheese instead of the parmesan (traditionally made with animal rennet).

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Ingredients 14 · MAKES 8 × 2 TBSP

- [ ] 120 ml **extra-virgin olive oil**
- [ ] 60 ml **red wine vinegar**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **fresh lemon juice**
- [ ] 1 tsp **Dijon mustard**
- [ ] 1 tsp **honey** (or sugar)
- [ ] 1 large **garlic** clove, pressed
- [ ] 1 tsp **dried oregano**
- [ ] ¾ tsp **fine sea salt**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground black pepper**
- [ ] ½ tsp **dried basil**
- [ ] ½ tsp **onion powder**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **dried thyme**
- [ ] ⅛ tsp **crushed red pepper flakes** (optional)
- [ ] 2 tbsp finely grated **parmesan**

Amounts in metric units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Milk. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Put the olive oil, red wine vinegar, lemon juice, Dijon and honey into a clean jar. 0:39
2. Press in the garlic, then add the oregano, basil, onion powder, thyme, chilli flakes, salt and pepper, and finally the grated parmesan. 1:52
3. Close the lid tightly and shake hard until the dressing looks cloudy and evenly mixed (or whisk it in a bowl, or use a stick blender for a dressing that stays mixed longer). 3:44
4. For the best flavour let it stand about 30 minutes before using. Keep it in the fridge for 7–10 days and shake again before each use; if the olive oil firms up in the cold, let it sit at room temperature. 4:14

> **Tip** Makes about 240 ml. Swap half the olive oil for a neutral oil for a milder taste. For a vegan version use sugar instead of honey and leave out the parmesan.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One portion (2 tbsp) gives you 1 OF 8 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
132 kcal	0.6 g	1.5 g	0.2 g	14 g	250 mg
550 kJ	1% of a day	1.3 g net · 0.8 g sugars	1% of a day	2.1 g saturated	11% of a day
		1% of a day		18% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 4% · protein 2% · fat 94% — fits keto: 1.3 g net carbs, 94% of the energy from fat

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 13%

Recipe and video: Sugar Spun Run (@SugarSpunRun) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=b12IYRDYats, published 9 June 2025. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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